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SUBJECT: MBFR: INFORMAL WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION ON DATA

REF: (A) USNATO 2161 (DTG 141531Z APR 77) (NOTAL),
(B) AC/276-D(75)9 (DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 1975),
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1. AT CONCLUSION OF MBFR WORKING GROUP (WG)
MEETING ON APRIL 19 (REF A), ACTING WG CHAIRMAN,
GROUP CAPTAIN SMITH, SAID WG CHAIRMAN (AND DEPUTY
CHAIRMAN, MILITARY COMMITTEE), LT. GEN. COLLADAY,
WILL CHAIR NEXT WG MEETING ON MAY 3, 1977. SMITH
SAID COLLADAY BELIEVES THAT THE ALLIES DO NOT
ALL INTERPRET IN THE SAME WAY THE ASSUMPTIONS ON WHICH ALLIED
FIGURES FOR ALLIED FORCES ARE BASED,
AND THAT THERE ARE ALSO DIFFERENT
INTERPRETATIONS OF THE ASSUMPTIONS AND VALIDITY
OF ALLIED ESTIMATES OF WP MANPOWER. LOOKING
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AHEAD, COLLADAY THINKS THE WG MAY WELL BE
TASKED TO EXAMINE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS DERIVING
FROM THE CURRENT DATA DISCUSSION IN VIENNA, AS
WELL AS POSSIBLY FROM CURRENT CONSULTATIONS IN
SPC. HE THEREFORE THINKS IT WOULD BE USEFUL
TO HAVE PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN THE WG
AS PRUDENT PREPARATION FOR SUCH POSSIBLE TASKINGS.
HE FORESEES THIS AS AN INFORMAL, UNSTRUCTURED
DISCUSSION OF WHERE THE ALLIES NOW STAND ON
DATA, AND WHERE THEY MIGHT BE GOING.

2. ADDITIONALLY, SMITH SUGGESTED THAT DURING THE MEETING ON MAY 3, THE WG MEMBERS MIGHT INITIATE A REVIEW OF EARLIER PAPERS ON THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF RELEASING CERTAIN NATO DATA ON NATO FORCES TO THE EAST (REFS B AND C).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENT TO USE DURING INFORMAL DATA DISCUSSION ON MAY 3, 1977.PEREZ

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